

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Week ending April 26, 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Community Center

The Noon Kiwanis Blood Drive was held on Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21. There were approximately 200 donors.

The Republican Club held their monthly meeting on Saturday, April 21, in two of our ballrooms, with over 100 in attendance.

Lisa Schnebly Heindinger, who authored "OneBook AZ," a fact filled publication about Arizona's first 100 years, added Fountain Hills as one of the locations for her book signing tour on Thursday, April 26. Gridley's will be on hand selling the book.

The Fountain Hills High School will hold their Art Reception on Thursday evening, April 26. The reception will honor the students for the art work that has been gracing the Community Center's walls during the month of April.

Senior Services

Staff has confirmed a Summer Time Pizza Party hosted by Little Caesars for Tuesday, June 26 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. This event provides an opportunity for Activity Center members to socialize with friends while enjoying pizza and soda. Pre-registration is required.

Staff has confirmed Free Health Screenings hosted by Scottsdale Healthcare for Wednesday, August 29, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Services offered will be cholesterol screening, diabetes screening, blood pressure checks, body mass index, waist circumference measuring, and professional counseling. Space is limited to 33 people. Pre-registration is required.

Parks

The Parks Division staff is finishing up with the **Greening of Downtown Committee's Eagle Scout Projects** at Fountain Park. The Cactus Garden and the Low Water Landscape by the amphitheater had the irrigation, top soil, plants, and granite installed this week. The Eagle Scouts will return on Saturday, April 28, to spread and rake the rest of the granite material to complete the projects.

Staff also met with Town Manager Ken Buchanan and Mayor-elect Linda Kavanagh at the fountain pump house on Monday, April 23, to show the recent fountain pumps restoration work and how the equipment operates. We also discussed new additional equipment upgrades that would make the fountain operation more energy efficient.

Splash Park operations have gone well during this past week. The usage has also increased with the warmer temperatures, along with birthday party reservations at the Kiwanis Ramada. The hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to sunset daily.



Trails — Ellen Bilbrey, Public Information Officer for Arizona State Parks, made a presentation to the McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission on Tuesday, April 24, on the **21st American Trail International Trails Symposium** (ITS) that is coming to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Resort in April 2013. Fountain Hills is considered one of the host cities for the symposium and is responsible for helping to coordinate activities and projects. The symposium is expected to have a \$1.5 million economic impact on the surrounding area. A local host committee is being formed and will meet on Wednesday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m. at the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Recreation

The American Cancer Society's **Relay for Life** begins this coming Saturday night, April 28, at 6:00 p.m. at Fountain Park and ends Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m.

A walk supporting Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, a Fountain Hills resident, will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Fountain Park. The walk begins at the Veteran's Memorial.

Bryan Hughes, Anjelica Giardino and Ronnie Sells of Spike's Treats met with the coordinator from the **Mountain to Fountain 15k** to begin discussing details for the 2013 race. The event will be in its third year and is expected to draw even more runners and spectators. A host committee consisting of local businesses and Town staff is being put together to help grow the event and the economic impact it has on the Town.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Finance

The quarterly investment report from PFM Asset Management for the period ending March 31, 2012 has been posted to the Town website (click [here](#) to download). The Town investments include General Fund balance, as well as fund balances for the Capital Projects and Development Fee funds that are not programmed for expenditures in the near future. The initial investment was made in November for \$15M and earnings for the four month period are \$27,325 (fees paid are \$5,547). All investments are made according to the Town's Investment Policy, which permits only those securities that are secured by the full faith and credit of the government. The remainder of the Town's idle funds are invested with the State Treasurer Local Government Investment Pool (\$7M) with year-to-date earnings of \$1,360.

FY12-13 Budget Process — The final draft of the FY12-13 proposed budget document has been distributed to the Town Council and posted on the Town's website; there is also a link for citizens to provide comments or ask questions. A public open house on the proposed budget was held on Wednesday, April 18, with minimal attendance. Staff continues to make presentations to various groups/organizations during the month of April (Realtors Group on April 20; Tea Party on May 15).

Licensing— A total of five new business licenses were issued.

In Town:

You Need Nails - 16225 E Palisades Blvd #119

Fountain Hills PC Repair - 16913 East Enterprise Dr #203

RRP Wealth Management - 16810 East Avenue of the Fountains #104

Out of Town:

Blackhawk Management and Realty DBA Blackhawk Property Management - Phoenix, AZ

Sky High Energy LLC - Phoenix, AZ

Information Technology

IT staff taped the candidate forum hosted by the Fountain Hills Cultural and Civic Association in the Council

Chambers on Wednesday, April 25 ,which will be replayed on Channel 11 at 11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 p.m. daily now through the election.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Planning

The Sign Ordinance Review Committee held the last of three open houses on April 18. Discussions revolved around the proposed amendments to the current regulations.

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hear the Concept Plan application for the SunRidge Canyon Golf School at their regular meeting of April 26. The Golf Club will be offering golf instruction in a new building adjacent to the driving range. There is additional discussion with SunRidge Canyon Golf and CopperWynd Resort for a trail access from the resort to the clubhouse. Further discussion will occur.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement has opened 63 cases so far in the month of April.

Staff received calls from a resident regarding noise (loud music) coming from a local restaurant in Town between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Although such complaints fall under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Department (due to the hours they are occurring), staff visited with the business owner and advised them of the concerns. The restaurant owner was very understanding and indicated that he would make a concerted effort to ensure that they are not disturbing the peace.

An A-frame sign had been observed left out in the center median of Shea Blvd. for most of last weekend and was still there early Monday morning. This was the second time in the past few weeks that the same sign was left in that location. Representatives from the business that owns the sign had been previously advised not to place signs in the median due to associated safety hazards, as well as of other violations of Town sign regulations. Due to the continued safety violations and the fact that the business was not open, the sign was confiscated and is being held at Town Hall.

Staff received a report that children were going inside of a vacant, unsecured commercial building. The building was in close proximity to a private school in Town and there was some graffiti painted and minor damage inside the building. Although the Sheriff's Department responded initially, they were unable to secure the building or contact the owner. Code Enforcement investigated the property and was able to contact the building owner who hired a locksmith and secured the building.

GIS/CAD

The GIS/CAD Division is finishing up the Sewer Atlas mapping for the Fountain Hills Sanitary District and continues to enter Arizona Crash Reports into the Intersection Magic accident reporting software. The final draft of the 2011 Land Use Inventory & Statistical Report is currently under review.

Environmental

A document shredding event was held on Saturday, April 21, in the Fountain Hills Library parking lot. The event was sponsored by the Fountain Hills Library Association. Town residents, along with residents of Rio and Tonto Verde Communities, were able to have approximately 5,000 pounds of sensitive documents destroyed.

The Town also held an electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 21, in the Fountain Hills Town Hall parking lot. About 165 vehicles came through to drop off old computers, televisions, and other electronic items.

Staff received three responses to "Invitation For Bids" for the HVAC Replacement project. The project entails

replacing HVAC units at Town Hall and the Community Center that are currently heating and cooling both office space and mechanical rooms at the same time. This is the last major project to be completed relating to the Town's Energy Conservation Block Grant as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The contract for the HVAC project will be awarded at the May 3 Town Council meeting.